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For: ELECTRONIC ACCOUNT SETTLEMENT
APPARATUS, ELECTRONIC
SETTLEMENT METHOD, STORAGE
MEDIUM AND COMPUTER DATA
SIGNAL

Examiner: H. T. Dass

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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A copy of only those references listed below is attached:

Other Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SNPP: A Simple Network Payment Protocol, Dukach S, 11/30/1992, Eighth Annual Computer Security Applications Conference, 1992., San Antonio, TX 11/30-1992--12/4/1992• Office Action issued by the European Patent Office on March 26, 2009 in connection with the corresponding European Patent Application

The cited European Office Action provides the explanation of relevance for the NPL cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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